GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Battery Operated Vehicles for Disabled
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for free of cost battery operated vehicles for disabled and old age passengers at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such vehicles at major railway stations;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints that the drivers have charged money for use of such vehicles;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of action taken against the drivers in such cases; and

(e) the number of battery operated vehicles that are proposed to be provided per station for convenience of handicapped people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam.
(b): Zonal Railways have been authorized to introduce Battery Operated Vehicles (BOVs) at major railway stations for disabled, old age and sick passengers on first come first served basis through sponsorship from individuals, NGOs, Trusts, Charitable institutions, Corporates and PSUs/Corporate Houses under their Corporate Social Responsibility with no charge to passenger or to the Railway. 59 BOVs have been provided at 40 major railway stations.
(c): No, Madam.
(d): Does not arise.
(e): Battery Operated Vehicles at major stations are provided depending upon the passenger traffic and availability of sponsors.
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